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--ABSTRACT--

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The invention relates to a method for defining parameters that are to be used for transmitting data between a first user and at least one second user, or for selecting protocol options or functions, which permits an efficient, flexible and adaptable selection of codec modes.

According to said method, each user has a number of votes that can be cast for the selection of parameters, whereby a decision device determines which parameters are to be used by the users for transmitting data, according to a predetermined election method, taking into consideration the number of votes.